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EXDIS - FOR AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652:GDS

TAGS: PFOR, ENRG, PARM, BR, GW

SUBJECT: US-BRAZIL NUCLEAR RELATIONSHIP

1. DEPUTY SECRETARY-DESIGNATE CHRISTOPHER NOW HAS APPOINTMENT TO RECEIVE AMBASSADOR PINHEIRO AT 3:00 PM EST FEBRUARY 15 TO GIVE HIM AN ACCOUNT OF THE FEBRUARY 10-11 TALKS WITH FRG STATE SECRETARY HERMES AND ACCOMPANYING WEST GERMAN OFFICIALS.

2. PURPOSE OF PROVIDING GENERAL PRESENTATION IS: (1) TO DEMONSTRATE WE ARE FOLLOWING THROUGH ON PLEDGE TO DEAL FRANKLY AND "EQUALLY" WITH GOB; AND (2) TO PUT OUR CHARACTERIZATION OF MEETINGS WITH FRG ON RECORD WITH BRAZILIANS
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BEFORE -- OR CLOSE TO -- THEIR RECEIPT OF GERMAN REPORT.

3. IF YOU DEEM IT USEFUL TO INSURE ACCURATE COMMUNICATION, OR FOR OTHER REASONS, YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO MAKE PARALLEL PRESENTATION TO SILVEIRA ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:

4. TALKING POINTS

" THE DEPUTY SECRETARY IS PLEASED THAT BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT WILL BE ABLE TO RECEIVE HIM ON MARCH 1, AND HE LOOKS FORWARD TO FRANK AND FULL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON NONPROLIFERATION ISSUES.

-- MEANWHILE, HE WILL SEE AMBASSADOR PINEHIRO FEBRUARY 15 AND HAS ASKED ME TO MEET WITH YOU TO FILL THE GOB IN PROMPTLY ON THE GENERAL COURSE OF DISCUSSIONS HELD LAST WEEK WITH FRG STATE SECRETARY HERMES AND HIS PARTY.

-- OUR TALKS WITH THE FRG REPRESENTATIVES WERE SERIOUS AND USEFUL DISCUSSIONS, AND WE SEE THEM AS ONE OF A SERIES WE HOPE TO HAVE WITH BOTH THE FRG AND BRAZIL.

-- WE MADE TO MR. HERMES AND HIS ASSOCIATES THE SAME PROPOSAL WHICH THE SECRETARY MADE IN HIS LETTER TO YOU. WE ARE NOT TALKING IN TERMS OF AN ABROGATION OF THE AGREEMENT IN FORCE BETWEEN BRAZIL AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC. WE PROPOSE A DEFERRAL OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SENSITIVE ENRICHMENT AND REPROCESSING ELEMENTS OF THE AGREEMENT.

-- WE STRESSED TO THE FRG THAT WE ARE NOT TRYING TO SINGLE OUT BRAZIL. WE ARE CONCERNED WITH THE GLOBAL QUESTION OF THE TRANSFER OF SENSITIVE TECHNOLOGY AND, IN THAT CONTEXT, WITH THE BROAD IMPLICATIONS THE FRG-BRAZIL ENRICHMENT/REPROCESSING TRANSFER WILL HAVE.

-- WE ASSURED THE GERMANS, AS WE ASSURE BRAZIL, THAT WE CONFIDENTIAL

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UNDERSTAND AND SUPPORT BRAZILIAN DESIRES TO MEET ITS ENERGY NEEDS, AND WE WISH TO EXPLORE CONSTRUCTIVE ALTERNATIVES.

-- WE SAID THAT WE WERE PREPARED TO DISCUSS WAYS TO BACK UP THE FUEL SUPPLY FOR THE GERMAN-BUILT REACTORS, IF THE ENRICHMENT AND REPROCESSING TRANSFER IS DEFERRED. THIS IS SOMETHING DEPUTY SECRETARY-DESIGNATE CHRISTOPHER HOPES TO EXPLORE IN SOME DETAIL IN BRASILIA.

-- WE ALSO RECOGNIZE THAT THE LEGITIMATE INTERESTS OF ALL PARTIES MUST BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT. WE MADE CLEAR TO SECRETARY HERMES THAT WE ARE SEEKING NO COMMERCIAL ADVANTAGE.

-- WE ARE REITERATING TO BOTH GOVERNMENTS OUR REQUEST TO REFRAIN FROM CONSUMMATING THE TRANSFER OF ENRICHMENT AND REPROCESSING EQUIPMENT OR TECHNOLOGICAL INFORMATION WHILE

OUR TALKS CONTINUE.

-- MEANWHILE, WE ARE TRYING ON OUR SIDE TO AVOID FURTHER
PRESS COMMENTARY AND SPECULATION ON THESE SENSITIVE AND
COMPLEX ISSUES, AND HAVE SUGGESTED A SIMILAR COURSE TO THE
GERMANS. WE BELIEVE THAT IT IS IMPORTANT FOR ALL CONCERNED
TO AVOID ANY APPEARANCE OF A CONFRONTATIONAL POSTURE.

-- (IF QUERIED ON THE FRG POSITION): SECRETARY HERMES
PROVIDED THE FRG VIEW ON THE ISSUES, AND AGREED TO
REPORT BACK FULLY TO HIS GOVERNMENT.
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